

Article - Family Law

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§5-1312.

(a) In this section, “foster youth” has the meaning stated in § 5-304 of the Human Services Article.

(b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, on or before December 1 of each year, the Department shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the following information regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system:

(1) the number of child abuse and neglect reports, alternative responses, investigative responses, and findings for completed investigations;

(2) the number of children and foster youth receiving in-home services;

(3) the number of new out-of-home placements by placement type;

(4) the number of exits from the child welfare system by exit type;

(5) the number of exits to reunification and reentries within 12 months after exit;

(6) the number of exits to reunification and reentries within 24 months after exit;

(7) the stability of out-of-home placements, including the number of placement changes;

(8) the stability of school placements;

(9) the number who graduate from high school;

(10) the number who qualify for a Maryland high school diploma by examination; and

(11) the number who receive tuition waivers.

(c) In reporting the information required under subsection (b) of this section, the Department shall:

(1) maintain the confidentiality of information on children and foster youth in the State child welfare system;

(2) ensure that no personally identifiable information is disclosed;
and

(3) disaggregate the information by county, age, gender, race, and ethnicity.

(d) The Department shall publish each report required under subsection (b) of this section on the Department's website within 30 days of submission of the report to the General Assembly.

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